



ST AGATHA'S PARISH

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Very Rev Dr Adrian Farrelly KCHS JCD

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Monday - Friday: 8.00 am to 12.30 pm and 1.30 pm to 4.30pm

Please note Office is closed 12.30 - 1.30pm.

Mrs Carol Sayers **APRE:** Mr Nick Fogarty

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Administrator

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Parish Secretary

Administrative Assistant

Parish Office Hours

School Principal

Outside School Hours Care Coordinator



***Happy Birthday
Fr Adrian***

A Parish of the North East Deanery in pastoral association with Hamilton Hendra Northgate Nundah Banyo Wavell Heights Aspley Geebung Zillmere Bracken Ridge Sandgate and Brighton

Readings - Third Sunday of Advent - 14 December 2014

1st Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; 2nd Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28



ROSES FOREVER

If the parish had a set of rose vestments, this Sunday is one of two Sundays in the year when they could be used. The other occasion is the 4th Sunday of Lent. Many ordinary expressions give us a clue as to the Church's use of this colour on these occasions. The expressions I am thinking of are: coming up smelling like roses, everything is rosy. He or she is in the pink. The expressions speak of health and well being, that there are few troubles or worries.

The readings are filled with references to joy and happiness: I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God. Almost these exact words of Isaiah fall from the lips of Our Lady when she responds to Elizabeth greeting her and calling her the most blessed woman of all. St Paul writing to the Thessalonians takes up the time and makes an amazing statement: Be happy at all times! Be happy at all times, we find ourselves saying, is impossible. But is it?

In the face of the events of life that beset us we feel buffeted this way and that as if trying to keep our footing in cyclonic winds. Our businesses take a down-turn, our health or that of loved ones suffers a set back, death robs us family and friends. Are these things to be happy about? No they are not but that is not what the inspired word is saying. The word is: be happy at all times with a happiness that is a gift from God, the fruit of our believing and living continually in God's presence. God never abandons us. We can feel like that but it is not reality. God's loving, provident will holds us in existence. How could we be forgotten or abandoned.

This truth of God's abiding is the source from which flows our continual happiness. We can be buffeted by the events of life but anchored on this truth we can be happy, counting our blessings, always thanking God. With Mary and Isaiah we can shout out: my soul rejoices in God, my saviour.

Fr Adrian Farrelly

ST. AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY

LIFETEEN MASS - Sunday 5.30pm

Join our talented musicians at this celebration of the Eucharist, where youth and young adults are invited to minister to each other. Enjoy supper and friendship after Mass.

Visit Aggies Youth:

<https://www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth>

DINNER ROSTER

LifeTeen Mass - Sunday 5.30pm

If you can assist with this ministry by providing dinner to cater for 40-60 people please write your name on the roster in main church foyer. Please note: **Costs incurred are reimbursed** with the presentation of docket to the parish office.



See notice board for menu suggestions.

Enquiries to the parish office on 3262 2859

ST AGATHA'S YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

If you have any questions or ideas please contact
Anne O'Connor on 3256 6013 or 0419 796 988.



[facebook.com/aggiesyouth](https://www.facebook.com/aggiesyouth)



THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

is now being conducted. The people assisted by the St Agatha's Conference, will gratefully appreciate any donations, received during the 2014 Appeal.

If donating by cheque, please make it out to "St Agatha's SVDP Clayfield Conference". Please place your donations in the envelopes provided on the church seats.



CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

TICKETS: 1 FOR \$2.00
OR 3 FOR \$5.00

Drawn: Sunday 21 December



If you would like to contribute any used stamps please leave them at the Piety Stall or Parish Office.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

24 December:

- Christmas Eve - Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm with carols from 5.30 pm.
- Midnight Mass with carols from 11.30 pm.

25 December, Christmas Day:

- Mass at 7.00 am and 9.00 am.
- There will be NO 5.30pm Mass on Christmas Day.



ROSTERS for Christmas

Are you available to be on roster at any of the Christmas Masses? Please fill in the sheets on the clipboard near the Sacristy.

We need Communion Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers at all Masses.

Children who want to be angels, shepherds and wise people for the Entrance Procession at the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve please write your name on the list provided. Also girls and boys are needed as Mary and Joseph. If you are aged 10-13 years old please place your name on the list provided. Names from this list will be drawn out of the hat for the role of Mary and Joseph.



ON SALE AT THE PIETY STALL

- Christmas Cards - packet of 8 for \$2.75
- Christmas Gifts
- Columban Calendars
- Advent Calendars for Children
- Little Blue Books for Advent



ST AGATHA'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM - 2015 CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION For children in Grade 3 or older who have celebrated their First Penance/Reconciliation

ENROLMENT WEEKEND: 7/8th February at any of the masses
Saturday 6.00pm; Sunday 7.00am, 9.00am & 5.30pm
Enrolment forms are available from the Parish office or on the table at front entry to church.

PARENT'S MEETING: Wednesday 11 February 7.00pm or
Thursday 12 February 7.00pm at St Agatha's Church
(N.B. Parents need only attend 1 of these sessions)

For further information call Jane Cameron at the parish office: 3262 2859

ST AGATHA'S SCHOOL PREP FOR 2016

If you have a child born between 1/7/10 - 30/6/11, they are eligible to commence Prep in 2016.

The enrolment process for Prep 2016 commences at the beginning of 2015. If you would like your child included in the enrolments for prep 2016, please email your details along with your child's name, D.O.B. and address to the Enrolment Secretary: wkwhite@bne.catholic.edu.au or phone the school on 3326 9222.

In our prayers we remember



Those who have died recently :

Monica Britten, Margaret Plumley, Leonora Bogue, Edward Bergmann, Jock Murdoch, Meta Truscott, Patricia Chambers

And those whose anniversaries occur about now:

Simon O'Grady, Florence Hinson, Mary Dethlefs, Ken Long, Douglas Munt, Alice Shun Wah

Those who are sick:

Lilly Eluvathingal, Louise Horrocks, Nola Palm, Bella Emery, Rosemary Gately, Matthew Gray, Frank Wilkie, Don Martin, Patrick Gallagher, Corey White, Rene Quinn, Eileen Clarke, Sandra McGregor, Rob Bruce, Mel Purwo, Kath Delahunty, Kylie Taylor, Laura Vize, Tessa Jones, Paul Gaynor, Jill Corrigan, Jonathan O'Brien, Phyllis Madden, Maureen Johnson, Alison Doust, Raymond Johnson, Alan Lawrenson, Robert Mutton

FAREWELL TO FR FRANCIS

If anyone would like to contribute towards a farewell gift for Fr Francis, please leave your contribution with Fr Adrian or at the Parish Office.

On behalf of Mary MacKillop International, I thank you for your generous support in supply and assisting with used stamps. During 2014 we raised approximately \$32,000.00. This has far surpassed our 2013 effort, thank you to one and all. From 2001 till now our total is almost \$90,000.00!!

It is through your efforts that the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop continues in Peru today.

*Sr Helen Saunders
For Sisters of St Joseph*



St Agatha's Giving Tree - 2014

At Christmas time we may be overindulged with food and presents whilst many go without basic necessities. The Giving Tree is loaded with little gift ideas which will help bring a smile to others on Christmas Day.

You are encouraged to take a tag and return the gift and leave it at the base of the tree.

Members of St Vincent de Paul will be collecting the gifts and distributing them for Christmas.



Thank you to CCI Personal Insurance for their kind donation of a Christmas hamper (raffle prize) valued at over \$150.00. The hamper contains a range of Christmas goodies.



CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

St Agatha's Saint Vincent de Paul Conference wishes to thank staff and students at Aviation High for the collection of food, toys and other treats to fill food boxes. A special thank you to Louise Coman and Principal Mr David Munn.



FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Wednesday December 17 at 7.30pm.

Come to St Stephen's Cathedral for this wonderful traditional celebration of Christmas. The service includes readings, prayers, and carols old and new sung by four choirs – the Cathedral Choir, Schola, Chorale and the Australian Catholic University Choir. Plus many opportunities for the

congregation to sing favourite Christmas carols. Cathedral car park available (entrance Charlotte Street). Retiring collection.

Enquiries: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3030.

NUDGEE CEMETERY AND CREMATORIUM

Flyers on "Pre-planning Makes Good Sense" are available at the back of the church. These flyers are a guide to a range of burial and cremation pre-plan options that are available from Nudgee Cemetery and Crematorium. Pre-plan options can be tailored to meet your needs and budget, and by paying in advance you avoid any future price rises.

HAND-in-HAND

The Summer 2014 edition of Hand-in-Hand is now available. Copies available on table in church foyer. Please take a copy home and feel free to take extra copies for your family, friends and neighbours.

PARISH ROSTERS

Please arrange a substitute if you are unavailable on your rostered day.

	6.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
<u>READERS</u>				
13/14 Dec	<i>Volunteer</i> <i>Volunteer</i>	Andrew Douglas Kirsty Stevens	Jill Weld Jane Arkinstall Heidi Cooper	Life Teen Mass
20/21 Dec	Eddie Foley Marie Ho	Blue Doyle Mark Burton	Michael Crutcher Eileen Duncan Tim Hancock	Life Teen Mass
<u>COMMUNION MINISTERS</u>				
13/14 Dec	Marie Ho	Blue Doyle	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass
20/21 Dec	Ann Goves	Paulette Archer	<i>Volunteer</i>	Life Teen Mass

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Prep to Grade 4 children are encouraged to participate.

Please note: any younger siblings need to be accompanied by an adult.

7 Dec - 25 Jan *No Children's Liturgy - School Holidays*

ORGANISTS:

13/14 Dec	Eithne Stafford	Mark Leung	Mark Sayers	Life Teen Mass
20/21 Dec	Robyn Cuming	Mark Leung	Robyn Cuming	Life Teen Mass

SANCTUARY CARERS:

20 Dec *Beverley O'Brien*

Volunteers needed. These important ministries need more volunteers.

Please contact Fr Farrelly or the Parish Office on 3262 2859 if you would like to help.

WEEKEND TIMETABLE

Masses: Saturday 6.00 pm
Sunday 7.00 am
 9.00 am
 5.30 pm

Reconciliation:

Saturday 5 pm – 5.30 pm

Rosary: Before most masses

WEEKDAY TIMETABLE

Mass: Monday 6.30 am
Mass: Wednesday 9.00 am
Mass: Thursday 9.00 am
Mass: Friday 9.00 am

AFTER HOURS EMERGENCIES

If you need to speak to a priest about an urgent matter, please phone pager 3835 9885.

Baptismal Preparation Meeting

We hold a preparation session for baptism on the first Sunday of the month after the 9.00am Mass.

We celebrate baptism on the 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month.



For bookings and further information, please phone the parish office on 3262 2859.

CARE AND CONCERN



- Do you need transport to a doctor's appointment?
- Do you need a meal cooked for you?
- Would you like someone to visit you?

If you or someone you know would like assistance with transport, meals or visits please call St Agatha's Care & Concern on **0419 988 811**

We are available and ready to help.



JUST CALL.

As a parishioner, do you have some time to give to help in the above ministry?

Are you interested in helping to bring parishioners to Mass?

If you can help please contact the parish office on 3262 2859 or email: clayfield@bne.catholic.net.au

Parish Calendar

DECEMBER

Thursday 18

* RCIA 7pm Parish Office

Thursday 25 & Friday 26

* Parish office closed - reopens Monday 29 December.

Friday 26

* 9.00am Mass

JANUARY 2015

Thursday 1

* 9.00am Mass

Thursday 1 & Friday 2

* Parish office closed - reopens Monday 5 January.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER COPIES ON SALE - \$2.00

In this week's issue:

* Truckloads of hope: St Vincent de Paul Society one of 300 agencies in Queensland receiving a combined total of 40,000kg of food each day from Food bank.

* New priests ordained for Brisbane and Rockhampton dioceses.

* Brisbane woman and her doctor tell of miracle disappearance of cancer.

Readings - Fourth Sunday of Advent - 21 December 2014

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; 2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27;

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38